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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : CIA Contracting for NAO Projects

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25X1A 1. At your request another look was taken at the problems involved in CIA contracting for the subject projects which have already been under way [REDACTED] for several years. Discussions were held with Mr. Houston, Col. White, [REDACTED] and Mr. Cunningham to consider all the arguments pro and con.

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2. As a result of these discussions it was again agreed that it was undesirable for the Agency to undertake this contracting under these circumstances. It appeared that we might only be buying ourselves trouble with very little apparent gain to the Agency. If, however, it is felt that for the benefit of the over-all reconnaissance program this action was desirable, then it was felt that the risks to the Agency should not be over-riding. If such a decision were made, however, it was emphasized that this should be cleared in advance with Mr. Campbell, GAO, so that there should be no feeling there that the Agency was using its privileges to circumvent normal Defense procedures.

3. Mr. Houston, Col. White and I would like to discuss the pros and cons of this with you prior to your decision and discussion with the Secretary of Defense on 5 October.

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